



**Chief's Update
October 30, 2014
Passing of K9 Officer "Deuce"**

Dear Tempe Police Employees,

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the passing of our Tempe Police K9 "Deuce." A long-time fixture of the K9 Unit, "Deuce" passed away suddenly last night while participating in training with his handler - Sgt. McHenry and other members of our K-9 Unit. Upon collapsing, officers rushed "Deuce" to a local animal hospital where vital attempts were made to revive him. The attending physician was unsure of what caused his sudden passing.....

A ten year old German Shepherd, "Deuce" was a dual-purpose service animal who engaged in both patrol/apprehension work and narcotics detection.

For those who had the pleasure of working with "Deuce" on calls and interacting with him in and around the station, his distinctive look and demeanor was something which was most certainly noteworthy; oftentimes, just a stare and a bark from him would get criminals to give up. With a drive and desire to please his handler and family at all times, "Deuce" was a valued member of our organization.

Though "Deuce" will no longer be physically present, his contributions and memory will forever be a part of the success and history of our organization. His protectiveness, work ethic, and loyalty are all qualities which will be deeply missed.

In closing, please take a moment to remember and appreciate the outstanding work of "Deuce," as well as his handlers - or better yet, his partners and best friends - all committed to not only keeping our community safe, but just as important, keeping Tempe Police officers safe.

Thank you "Deuce" for a job well done, may you rest in peace.....

Tom Ryff
Chief of Police

